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**Re:** In connection with Serial No. 10/777,802, please find enclosed a response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2007.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Art Unit: 1615  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2007, kindly consider the following response to the outstanding restriction requirement: